

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

(1) PEDRO BAEZ,  
(2) ANTHONY BAEZ,  
(3) AMANDA FORD,  
(4) MONICA TROCHE,  
(5) BRANNY TAVERAS,  
(6) SHASTAALENA BLAIR,  
(7) JESSICA HUGHES, and  
(8) VALERIE LUCIER,

Defendants

Criminal No. 19cr40049

Violations:

Count One:

Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with  
Intent to Distribute 500 Grams or More of  
Cocaine, 400 Grams or More of Fentanyl, 100  
Grams or More of Heroin, and 28 Grams or  
More of Cocaine Base  
(21 U.S.C. § 846)

Counts Two and Three:

Distribution of 40 Grams or More of Fentanyl  
and Heroin; Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(vi);  
18 U.S.C. § 2)

Counts Four and Five:

Distribution of 100 Grams or More of Heroin  
and 40 Grams or More of Fentanyl; Aiding and  
Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(i) and  
(b)(1)(B)(vi); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

Count Six:

Distribution of 400 Grams or More of Fentanyl,  
100 Grams or More of Heroin, and Cocaine;  
Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(vi) and  
(b)(1)(B)(i); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

Forfeiture Allegation:

(21 U.S.C. § 853)

SEALED

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute  
500 Grams or More of Cocaine, 400 Grams or More of Fentanyl,  
100 Grams or More of Heroin, and 28 Grams or More of Cocaine Base  
(21 U.S.C. § 846)

The Grand Jury charges:

From in or about September 2018 through in or about November 2019, in Fitchburg and  
Watertown, in the District of Massachusetts, and elsewhere, the defendants,

(1) PEDRO BAEZ,  
(2) ANTHONY BAEZ,  
(3) AMANDA FORD,  
(4) MONICA TROCHE,  
(5) BRANNY TAVERAS,  
(6) SHASTAALENA BLAIR,  
(7) JESSICA HUGHES, and  
(8) VALERIE LUCIER,

conspired with each other and with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance; a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II controlled substance; and a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

It is further alleged that the offense charged in Count One involved 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; 400 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-

phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance; 100 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance; and 28 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II controlled substance. Accordingly, Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(b)(1)(B)(i), (b)(1)(B)(ii), (b)(1)(A)(vi) and (b)(1)(B)(iii) are applicable to this Count.

It is further alleged that, with respect to Count One, 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, were reasonably foreseeable by, and are attributable to defendants (1) PEDRO BAEZ and (2) ANTHONY BAEZ. Accordingly, Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(ii) is applicable to defendants (1) PEDRO BAEZ and (2) ANTHONY BAEZ.

It is further alleged that, with respect to Count One, 400 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, were reasonably foreseeable by, and are attributable to defendants (2) ANTHONY BAEZ and (4) MONICA TROCHE. Accordingly, Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(vi) is applicable to defendants (2) ANTHONY BAEZ and (4) MONICA TROCHE.

It is further alleged that, with respect to Count One, 100 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, were reasonably foreseeable by, and are attributable to defendants (1) PEDRO BAEZ, (2) ANTHONY BAEZ, and (4) MONICA TROCHE. Accordingly, Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(i) is applicable to defendants (1) PEDRO BAEZ, (2) ANTHONY BAEZ, and (4) MONICA TROCHE.

It is further alleged that, with respect to Count One, 28 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II controlled substance, were reasonably foreseeable by, and are attributable to defendants (1) PEDRO BAEZ, (6) SHASTAALENA BLAIR, (7) JESSICA HUGHES, and (8) VALERIE LUCIER. Accordingly, Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(iii) is applicable to defendants (1) PEDRO BAEZ, (6) SHASTAALENA BLAIR, (7) JESSICA HUGHES, and (8) VALERIE LUCIER.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

Before the defendant (1) PEDRO BAEZ committed the offense charged in this count, the defendant was convicted of violating Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94C, Section 32 (*see Commonwealth v. Baez*, Docket Number 2002-1441-001), a serious drug felony, for which he served more than 12 months of imprisonment and for which he was released from serving any term of imprisonment related to that offense within 15 years of the commencement of the instant offense.

COUNT TWO

Distribution of and Possession with Intent to Distribute  
40 Grams or More of Fentanyl and Heroin; Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(vi); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about April 16, 2019, in Fitchburg, in the District of Massachusetts, and elsewhere,  
the defendants,

(2) ANTHONY BAEZ and  
(4) MONICA TROCHE,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 40 grams or more  
a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-  
piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a  
mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi) and  
Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT THREE

Distribution of and Possession with Intent to Distribute  
40 Grams or More of Fentanyl and Heroin; Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(vi); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about May 31, 2019, in Fitchburg, in the District of Massachusetts, and elsewhere,  
the defendants,

(2) ANTHONY BAEZ and  
(4) MONICA TROCHE,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 40 grams or more  
of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-  
piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a  
mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi) and  
Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FOUR

Distribution of and Possession with Intent to Distribute  
100 Grams or More of Heroin and 40 Grams or More of Fentanyl; Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(i) and (b)(1)(B)(vi); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about July 17, 2019, in Watertown, in the District of Massachusetts, and elsewhere,  
the defendants,

(2) ANTHONY BAEZ and  
(4) MONICA TROCHE,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more  
of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled  
substance, and 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-  
phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II  
controlled substance.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(i) and  
(b)(1)(B)(vi), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FIVE

Distribution of and Possession with Intent to Distribute  
100 Grams or More of Heroin and 40 Grams or More of Fentanyl; Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(i) and (b)(1)(B)(vi); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about August 21, 2019, in Watertown, in the District of Massachusetts, and elsewhere, the defendants,

(2) ANTHONY BAEZ and  
(4) MONICA TROCHE

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(i) and (b)(1)(B)(vi) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.



COUNT SIX

Distribution of and Possession with Intent to Distribute 400 Grams or More of Fentanyl, 100 Grams or More of Heroin, and Cocaine; Aiding and Abetting  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi) and (b)(1)(B)(i); 18 U.S.C. § 2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about September 24, 2019, in Fitchburg, in the District of Massachusetts, and elsewhere, the defendants,

(2) ANTHONY BAEZ and  
(4) MONICA TROCHE

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, also known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, 100 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi) and (b)(1)(B)(i) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**DRUG FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**  
**(21 U.S.C. § 853)**

The Grand Jury further finds:

1. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846, set forth in Counts One through Six of this Indictment, the defendants,

(1) PEDRO BAEZ,  
(2) ANTHONY BAEZ,  
(3) AMANDA FORD,  
(4) MONICA TROCHE,  
(5) BRANNY TAVERAS,  
(6) SHASTAALENA BLAIR,  
(7) JESSICA HUGHES, and  
(8) VALERIE LUCIER,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such offenses; and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offenses. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following asset:

a. The real property located at 54-56 Nashua Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420.

2. If any of the property described in Paragraph 1, above, as being forfeitable pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants

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- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;


d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

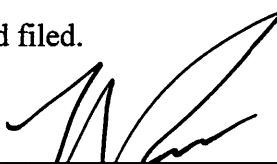
it is the intention of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the property described in Paragraph 1 above.

All pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

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ALATHEA E. PORTER  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

District of Massachusetts: NOVEMBER 20, 2019  
Returned into the District Court by the Grand Jurors and filed.

  
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